



St Peter's Caversham

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The Pebble

22 October 2017

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

An Invitation

God is first and foremost that depth around all things and beyond all things into which, when I pray, I try to sink. But God is also that activity that comes to me out of that depth, tells me I am loved, that opens up a future for me that offers transformations that I can't imagine. Very much a mystery but also very much a presence. Very much a person.

Rowan Williams, 104th Archbishop of Canterbury

Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship today.
The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered
in the Lady Chapel during Communion. Everyone
is warmly invited to Morning Tea after the Solemn
Sung Eucharist

THE LITURGY FOR TODAY

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662)

10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS:

346 City of God, how broad and far

304 Once, only once, and once for all

284 Father, we thank thee who has planted (t. 252)

416 O God of Bethel, by whose hand (t.337)

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6](#)

The response to [Psalm 96](#) is:

Give the Lord glory and honour

[1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5](#)

[Matthew 22: 15-21](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14](#)

[1 John 3: 1-3](#)

[Matthew 5: 1-12](#)

PARISH NEWS

Today's sermon is entitled "A Politicians Answer." It is about Jesus' famous answer to the question about paying taxes to Caesar. We shall be hearing that St Augustine provided further rich unpacking of this in his famous work *The City of God*.

Josephine Weipers RIP A Solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated for Josephine Weipers on Saturday 28 October at 11 am.

The search for a trumpeter or a bugler Do you know of a trumpeter or a bugler who might make themselves available for our Armistice Day Service on Sunday 12 November at 10.30 am?

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnston, Cherry Gordon, Margaret Sterling, Mahlia and Sheree Napier and Jonathan Gillies.

Next Sunday We will celebrate All Saints. Although this is several days short of the feast this is part of our custom of Sunday-izing major feasts and gives us the opportunity to commemorate All Souls the following Sunday. There is a notice on the Link noticeboard for you to write the names of those who have died in the past year who might otherwise be missed out in the recalling of the faithful departed at that Service.

Pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time William Fraser, Shirley Quintrell, Frances Jenson, Mabel Jacobs, Hope Burnett, Doris Dickson, Nancy Harper and James McQueen.

Fellowship group The Fellowship group will meet on Tuesday 24 October at 1.30 pm at St Peter's Church for transport to the Bay Café for afternoon tea at 2 pm followed by a walk in the Glenfalloch Gardens. Please ring Raylene 455 2389 or Gay 476 1613 for further information.

Parish Garage Sale

Our next garage sale will be on Saturday 4 November from 10am - 1pm. Please start setting aside items for this. If you need to have goods collected please let David Hoskins know (021-208-3922). Offers of help with the sale would be gratefully accepted.

The largest New Zealand Anglican financial entity The diocese of Auckland is of course the largest Anglican diocese in the country. Its financial operations are conducted by Trust Management, an entity that it owns. Recently the diocese of Waikato has devolved its financial operations to Trust Management thus enabling its diocesan office to be very minimally staffed. There is a certain logic to this as the diocese of Waikato was originally spun off from the diocese of Auckland. However, Trust Management is about more than just accounting and payroll services. It is now also into the business of property investment through its ancillary arm called Property Trust whose mixture of ground leases include buildings in the vicinity of Auckland Airport. It is a unitised trust offering other financial entities the opportunity to invest in it and thus grow its portfolio. With total assets of around \$137 million this is a financial entity with considerable potential. In the years ahead smaller struggling diocese may find the logic of coming under its umbrella compelling, especially the diocese of Waiapu. The Trust Management web site doesn't state its connection to the Anglican diocese of Auckland in immediately explicit terms but it does make it clear that it is interested in providing financial services to charities. Clearly this is a financial entity to be watched with interest in the years ahead. A somewhat parallel development is the way in which Selwyn Villages, the large Auckland Diocese rest home operator, is reaching out to Anglican rest homes across the country offering to either manage them or take them over. There is a compelling logic to this as the years ahead will see the picking off and closing down of small rest home operators and the growing power of the conglomerates in the field.

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